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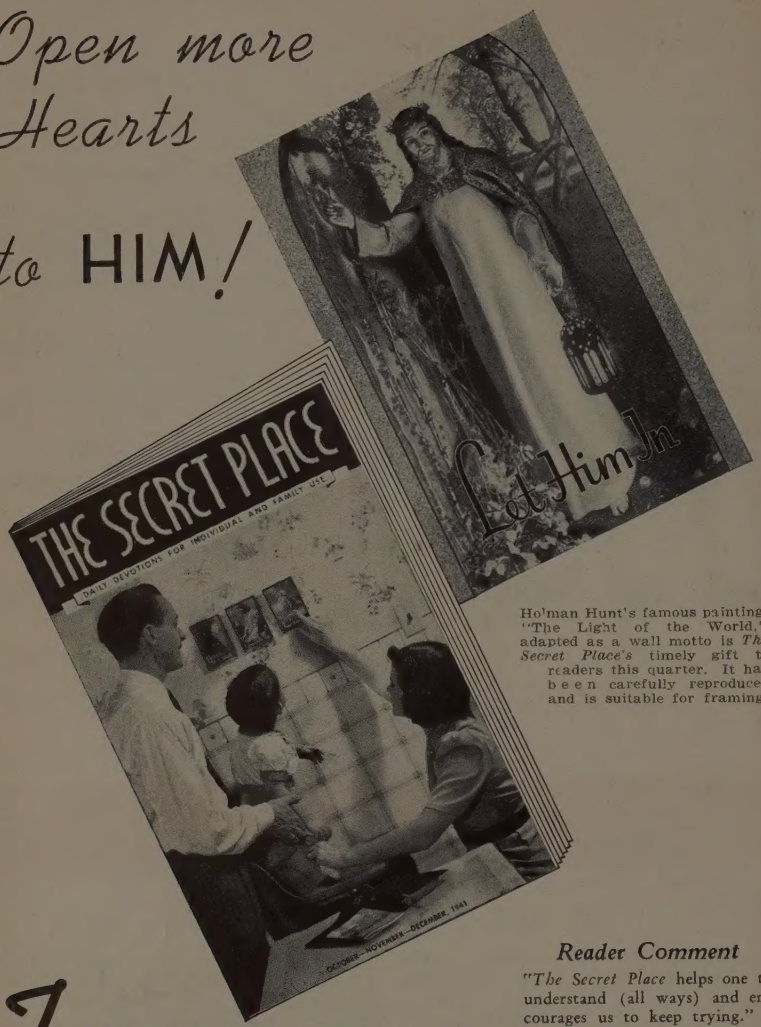

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LONG TERMS OF SERVICE

Dr. William S. Abernathy, has retired after serving the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., for 20 years and for 42 years as a Baptist minister. . . . Dr. Thas. M. Brittain, executive secretary of the Florida Convention for more than 30 years. . . . Dr. James S. Martin has served as president of Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, for 17 years. . . . Rev. R. M. Dodrill, after serving as pastor of the Broadway Church, Indianapolis, for 12 years, has been elected pastor for life. During the past 12 years the church grew from 406 members to 1,858. . . . Dr. B. V. Ferguson, has just celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of the First Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas. . . .

And Rev. John C. Wiley, after serving the First Church, Jamacia, Long Island, N. Y., more than 10 years, has resigned to accept the call of the Mission Hill Congregational Church, San Diego, California. . . . Rev. Leonard Buschman, minister of the Central Presbyterian Church, Buffalo, N. Y., has resigned to accept a call from the Central Church, Summit, New Jersey. . . . Rev. John S. Pendleton has begun his 16th year as executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Maine. . . . Dr. Thomas J. Barksdale has just celebrated his 25th anniversary with the Calvary Church, Louisville, Kentucky. . . .

And Mrs. F. S. Osgood has been a member of the B.M.T.S. faculty, Chicago, for 14 years. . . . Rev. Wm. A. Terrill has served the First Church, Cardville, Maine, for 22 years. . . . and Rev. H. F. Huse, has been with the North Haven Church, Maine, for 15 years. . . . Dr. W. A. Elliott, the new president of the Northern Baptist Convention, has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ottawa, Kansas, for 35 years. . . . Dr. Jesse Halsey, has retired after serving the Seventh Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, for 28 years and will become professor of pastoral theology in the Presbyterian Seminary, Chicago. . . .

Also Rev. Claude E. Morris was made happy on his 17th anniversary with the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Bronx, New York, when the church presented him with a cabinet, containing a radio, a recording machine, an amplifier and a phonograph, all in one. . . . Rev. T. C. Brewster has completed 12 years with the First Church, Grasmere, New Hampshire, and has retired from active service.

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Hardships Steppingstones to Higher Things

JEFF D. RAY

Difficulty is the thing out of which character is made and continued effort in the face of obstacles is the foundation of stability and growth in every line of development, whether it be that of man or beast or inanimate nature.

May I use a very commonplace picture to illustrate my statement?

Recently while on a little trip into Old Mexico I had a rather striking object lesson along this very line. On the highway one sees ever and anon the familiar "donkey freight lines." Here is one such tiny animal covered almost entirely with a load of fire wood, another perchance with great bales of hay, yet another piled high with the day's output of vegetables and fruit from the little farm, or with blankets, rugs and other handmade wares, all bound for the tourist market in a nearby, or even far distant, village or town. The tourist is struck by the enormity of the cargo and the seeming frailty of the animal bearing the load and is bewildered even more when he sees that oftentimes the apparently unbearable burden is topped by the owner of the beast who, seated comfortably astride the cargo or in a precarious position at the rear end of the animal, has some difficulty in keeping his feet from dragging on the ground. Looking on such a picture one wonders by what process the little animal is able to bear with donkey dignity and poise such a tremendous load.

In face of such ever recurring monstrosities one marvels at the endurance of the patient and now and then excusably stubborn little piece of animal flesh. Out of what superior clay is he made that he can carry out the plan for which he seems to have been ordained from before the foundation of the world? Did he "get that way" by lying in the shade and wishing himself so? No! He developed his amazing strength and indomitable endurance in the exacting school of experience and activity and hardship; and you and I will develop human character, human endurance, human patience, human usefulness in the various lines of life with which we are surrounded through enduring hardness—not as the plodding donkey, cajoled and prodded by a selfish, groveling, unsympathetic, materially minded master, but as "good soldiers of Jesus Christ," encouraged, sustained and guided by a loving, tender, sympathetic, understanding, patient Heavenly Father.

Listen to Job who, having endured with almost superhuman fortitude the lashings of an unutterable grief, emerges with the determination, "Yea, I would harden myself in sorrow."

Happy the man who, having learned the mission of sorrow, disappointment and hardship, makes of such, not a stumbling block but a steppingstone to higher things. He is the man who in face of blinding sorrow can triumphantly say:

"I want to let go, but I won't let go,
May this be my song
'Mid legions of wrong—
Oh, God, keep me strong
That I may never let go!"

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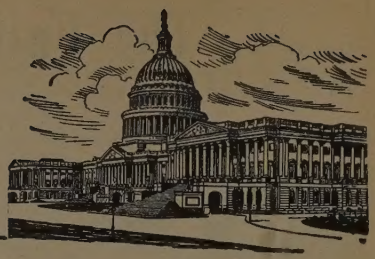

GODLESS RADICALISM

THE United States Baptist Society is preparing to assist in the fight against Godless radicalism in America.

This fight will be carried on through The nited States Baptist.

The world is in a wild and unhappy mess. ivilization is being ripped into shreds.

Bitter enemies of the churches, and modern vilization are spreading terror and destruction ll over the world.

The churches in America are facing the greatst crisis in history.

What are Baptists going to do about it? Are e going to get busy or are we going to take it tting down or lying down?

God and the churches have already been outawed in large areas of the Old World. These utlaws are now trying to outlaw God and the hurches of America.

What are we Baptists going to do about it?

The world's worst breed of radicals are busy rying to wreck our government and our dear ountry.

Some people think the enemies of America are ll located across the seas. That's dumb and lazy hinking. Our enemies are within our gates.

Do you realize that European radicalism, lick, slimy and shrewd—the type that hates merica and its institutions—has gotten a strong oothold in many of our public schools and olleges?

Radicals who despise our government and who re determined to overthrow it, hold many govrnment jobs.

Legitimate business is threatened by these adicals.

What are Baptists going to do about it?

These imported radicals sneer and snarl at our religious institutions. They are determined to put them out of business.

These imported and home grown radicals, are preaching and arousing racial hatreds that will stagger humanity in the near future and for years to come.

Radicalism of the vilest type, is worming its way into the peaceful and law-abiding and honest proceedings of the American working men and women.

What do Baptists propose to do about it?

Many citizens have, for a generation, been pampering and petting radicalism until it has grown defiant, fearless and cocky.

Radical newspapers and magazines have no trouble getting all the money they need to wage their warfare.

During the Revolutionary war a preacher named Muhlenberg after preaching, and serving Communion, said to his congregation: "There's a time to preach, there's a time to pray, and there's a time to fight."

Do you think it is time to fight the radical movement that has set out to wreck us?

You are asked to give careful consideration to the information concerning The United States Baptist Society printed in this issue. If the purposes of The Society meet with your approval, and if you would like to share in the work of The Society, you will immediately send a check for at least an annual Membership—which is only $2. The fight on Godless radicalism is only one of the many benefits you will receive from membership.

As a reader of The United States Baptist you are invited to Membership in The United States Baptist Society.

The United States Baptist Society

By MIKE ELLIOTT

W. W. EVERETT, SR.

The United States Baptist Society, Incorporated, is dedicated to "the extension and diffusion of Baptist life and principles."

The Society exists for no other purpose.

In June 1941, a small group of Washington Baptist laymen and pastors met for luncheon at the National Press Club. I presented to this group the problem of American Baptist publicity and the need of an organization to intensify the dissemination of Baptist life and principles in America. The discussion was earnest, enthusiastic, and constructive.

A few days later I had a conference with W. W. Everett, prominent Baptist layman. We discussed the matter at length. Mr. Everett made some suggestions which made it easier to arrive at definite conclusions. One week later the idea of The United States Baptist Society, organized and conducted similar to The National Geographic Society was conceived. A statement of the plan and purpose was presented to prominent Washington Baptist leaders. Other leaders, North and South, were consulted. Unanimous approval was given the plan.

MIKE ELLIOTT

Several days later Mr. Everett agreed to serve as President. Dr. D. R. Sharpe, Cleveland, and Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, Washington, D. C., agreed to serve as Vice Presidents; George B. Fraser, President of The District of Columbia Baptist Association, accepted the place of Treasurer. Henry L. Sweinhart, well-known newspaper correspondent was named Secretary. I have the honor of being the founder of the Society, and the editor of its official publications.

July 8 this group met for the first time. The statement of purpose was adopted. It was agreed that membership in the Society would be on the invitation basis with annual dues of $2.00 and Life Membership $100.00. Life Memberships were subscribed at this meeting giving the Society funds with which to begin its work. E. Hilton Jackson, Baptist layman, and well-known attorney, was instructed to file papers of incorporation. Names of persons who would be invited to serve on the National Council were approved.

THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST was chosen as the official magazine of The Society. The following statement was adopted:

> "To carry out the purposes for which it was founded, The United States Baptist Society supports THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST. All receipts are invested in the magazine itself, or expended to promote a wider knowledge of Baptist life and principles."

Papers of incorporation were filed July 25, 1941.

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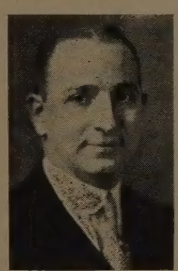
The United States Baptist Society membership is open to Baptists throughout the nation who are recommended and invited. Its work will be educational and altruistic. It is a non-profit organization—no person will receive financial profit from its membership dues. Every cent will be expended for the "extension and diffusion of Baptist life and principles." Its only source of income will be from

small annual dues of $2.00, and from e Memberships of $100.00. Each mber of The Society will share in rthy undertakings. In addition to all er benefits, members will receive THE ITED STATES BAPTIST, official magazine The Society.

RUFUS W. WEAVER

The United States Baptist Society is not a policymaking organization. It does not propose to speak for any individual or group, official or otherwise. It will not engage in controversial matters. It will leave particular methods and organization to our eat conventions and related bodies.

All material gathed by The Society any phase of ptist life will be ade available to embers, and offic- bodies may feel ee to make use this material.



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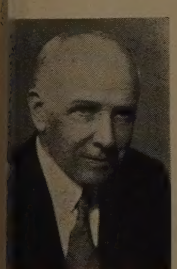
Each year The ciety will present an American aptist The Soety's Award for distinguished service. his presentation will be made in Washgton with fitting ceremonies. Nominaons for the award will be welcome from l. Judges will be Baptists of national putation.

THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST presents in is issue The Society's "Statement of urpose," and other information. It derves the careful reading of everyone.



HENRY L. SWEINHART

Washington, the capital of the nation . . . and the world, is the logical home of The Society. No "official" pronouncements will be issued by The Society. If called upon for information it will be given. The Society does propose to keep an ye on the "Washington Scene" and to ransmit to its members movements hich seem to be of importance in the extension and diffusion of Baptist life nd principles." To this end The Society elcomes the goodwill of all Baptists and uggestions for the promotion of a contructive educational and altruistic proram. Articles and photographs are deired.

The United States Baptist Society is ducational and altruistic and will emphasize at all times a better understanding and a wider knowledge of Baptists and their principles. To this end every phase of Baptist life will be presented in the magazine and otherwise. The Society will spare no effort in giving to its members, and the public generally, the contributions Baptists are making to the whole life of mankind. It will attempt to show that Baptists are the true friends of all men . . . and that radicals and materialistic liberals in religion and government are the enemies of true liberty, the churches, schools, and legitimate business.

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Value of Churches

The safety of all we have is due to the churches, even in their present inefficient and inactive state. By all that we hold dear, let us from this very day give more time, money, and thought to the churches of our city, for upon these the value of all we own ultimately depends.—*Roger Babson.*

Five Points of Our Baptist Faith

1. Baptists have insisted on the necessity of individual faith and personal conviction and on the need that life and faith conform.

2. Baptists have practiced the immersion of believers on profession of faith according to what seems to them the clear and unmistakable method recorded in the New Testament.

3. Baptists have regarded the church as a spiritual fellowship made up of converted men and women, seeking to live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

4. Baptists have felt impelled to share in the spreading of the Christian faith.

5. Baptists have shown a passion for liberty.—*E. A. Payne,* London, England.

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The entire object of true education is to make people not merely do the right thing, but to enjoy the right things.—*Ruskin.*

Radio Religion

By BERNARD C. CLAUSEN

In an unexpected fashion, religion found itself concerned with radio last month. The Federal Communications Commission, which governs the administration of broadcasting, had made its first serious attack on the monopoly control which it charges the chains maintain over radio programs. The Commission's chairman, James L. Fly, had prepared a careful docket of testimony, to be presented to the Senates' Interstate Commerce Committee. Nub of the case was the charge that the networks have an annual return of 69% on their investment. It was proposed that the present chains be broken up. The independent stations encouraged, and the Blue Network given up by The National Broadcasting Company, was considered a start in the right direction. Supporting this policy was The Mutual Broadcasting System, last of the three big chains to be organized, least of the three big chains in statistical importance to rebel against the chains in their controversy with the musical composers and publishers over royalties on broadcast songs and orchestra works.

The hearings before the Senate's committee revealed that the defendant chains had done some skillful and organized propaganda work in preparing their case. The best-known and best-paid lobbyists; the eager women's clubs; the grateful educators who had used free time, all made statements expressing regret that if the networks were disturbed, the sustaining, cultural features, which have no sponsors, would be ruined and withdrawn.

But the climax of testimonial attack occurred apparently as a last resort, when 62 outstanding clergymen whose names are known to the radio audience for their Sunday features recorded in a letter to the President and through him to the responsible legislators this protest:—

"The Federal Communications Commission report, if put into effect, would, in our judgment, greatly curtail the opportunity for nation-wide religious broadcasting service, and would jeopardize cultural, educational, musical, and religious broadcasting in general. The action proposed by the Federal Communications Commission seems to us hasty, drastic, and ill-considered." On the list of distinguished signers, Harry Emerson Fosdick's name led all the rest.

The partnership of interests in a crisis, whether dictated by clear consideration of the issues, by haste in signing a seemingly harmless petition, or by gratitude like that the railroads expected from people who ride on free passes, did not avail. Even the farmers, who were invited to grieve at the threat to the Farm and Home Hour, were not rewarded with mercy. The shadow of doom hangs over the Radio network and over the 69% average annual profits.

What will happen to "the opportunity for nation-wide religious broadcasting service, and cultural, educational, musical, and religious broadcasting in general" remains to be seen.

THE

UNITED STATES BAPTIST SOCIETY

AND ITS OFFICIAL JOURNAL

THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST

The purposes of the United States Baptist Society are "the extension and diffusion of Baptist life and principles."

The Society develops information of great service to leaders and students—conditions throughout the world affecting Baptists—as well as being of universal interest and real value to laymen, old or young. Its researches and publications make for better understanding of Baptist life everywhere.

The work is educational and altruistic. No individual or group derive any financial profit from The Society's income, which is administered by a Board of Trustees of national reputation, wholly and directly for the extension of Baptist life and principles. The work of The Society is supported by the small individual dues of its membership. Each member, therefore, has a personal and equal share in The Society's achievements.

THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST

Official magazine of The Society is The United States Baptist. Through it The Society, month by month, presents educational features, and information of great value to all of its members. The Society, therefore, will be in a position to encourage discussion, and give wide dissemination to many important questions including the following:

> World Peace, Religious Liberty, The Menace of Radicalism, Evangelism, Education, Missionary Extension, Denominational Cooperation, Public Relations, Denominational Programs, Benevolence, Youth Groups.

The Society will engage in research on all of these and similar questions and the findings will be made available to all members of The Society, and official bodies.

Other than the small annual dues of $2 (Canada, $3; abroad, $3), all members will receive the monthly United States Baptist Magazine, and all other publications and materials published during their terms of membership. A membership blank is enclosed.

ANNUAL AWARD

The Society will confer an annual "United States Baptist Society Award" upon the Baptist, who in the opinion of qualified judges, has made the most constructive contribution during the year to American Baptist life.

COOPERATION WITH CONVENTIONS

The Society supports the programs of the General Conventions, Board and Agencies. It gives unlimited publicity, assembles important facts, and presents to Baptists and the public the World Wide program and the fundamental principles held by Baptists.

TO BECOME A MEMBER

Membership dues in the United States Baptist Society are $2 a year in the United States (Canada, $3; abroad, $3), with no initiation fee. Beyond the annual fee, The Society does not solicit funds for any purpose and the membership has no other financial responsibility. Membership is by invitation only.

The Society does not employ or authorize field agents to receive fees or nominations for membership. Address all communications to

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NORTHERN BAPTISTS

By M. E. McINTOSH

CHURCHES IN CAMP AREAS

THE calling of another 900,000 men for military service and the possibility that the men already in training will be held for a period longer than the year originally planned lends new importtance to the subject of religious work in camp areas. All responsibility for religious service within the camp is retained by the government and handled through the chaplain. These chaplains welcome cooperation.

The entire program—religious, social and recreational for the men that are off duty and outside of the camps is left in the hands of the churches and community agencies. Here the United Service Organizations, popularly known as the U. S. O., will have a leading part, particularly in the case of camps located at a distance from the larger communities. The government is providing the buildings for this purpose and will rent them to the U. S. O. at a nominal rental. The U. S. O. which consists of The Young Men's Christian Association, The National Catholic Community Service, The Salvation Army, The Young Women's Christian Association, The Jewish Welfare Board and The National Travelers Aid Association is raising a fund of $10,000,000 to carry on the program in these buildings.

The Northern Baptist Convention has requested the Home Mission Society to assume all responsibilities of the denomination growing out of the government's program of Selective Training and Service to finance this program. The Convention has placed in the World Emergency Fund an item of $100,000 which will be available to the Home Mission Society for this program. Designated gifts applying on the fund will be used directly according to the designation. It is hoped, however, that all or nearly all of the $100,000 will be contributed in undesignated gifts so that it may be possible to study the entire field and distribute our resources in the places where it appears that they may be used most effectively.

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MORE RACE PREJUDICE

The Negro is not alone in feeling the sting of race prejudice. In December, 1939, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yook began their work as missionaries at the Chinese Christian Center in Locke, California. Mr. Yook writes: "In talking with some of the old folk I find that many had some Christian teaching in their youth, but have lost all contact with any Christian fellowship. When they first came to live along the Sacramento River there was no church of any denomination until our Baptist work was started in Locke. Many of these old folk, although born here, do not speak much English. There were no schools during their time and thus they could not receive an education.

"The children of Locke attend the public school in Walnut Grove, a mile away. There are two schools, one for the white children and the other for the Oriental children, including Chinese, Japanese, Koreans, and Filipinos. How can we help the children to understand the meaning of this segregation when America is a Christian nation? Why should different nationalities have to feel this barrier? It is only through Christ that we can break down race prejudice and feel that all are brothers in Him."

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EDUCATORS PLAN HELP FOR BAPTIST SCHOOLS IN DESPERATE NEED

A conference of Baptist school and college administrators was held in Cleveland on call of the Board of Education, cooperating with the Council on Finance and Promotion and the Finance Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention. There were present at the conference representatives from eight of the ten Seminaries, fourteen of the nineteen colleges, eight of the ten junior colleges, and six of the eleven academies. Letters had been received from other Presidents who were unable to attend, expressing enthusiastic support of the conference and its purpose.

Among the significant actions taken were:

1. The request that in sending out promotional teams to Conventions and Associations this fall in the interest of the World Emergency Fund, adequate representation be given the Baptist schools and colleges.

2. The representatives of the conference declared their readiness to cooperate in supplying additional leadership in order adequately to promote the campaign.

3. The conference went on record declaring that in the distribution of the contemplated Emergency Fund:

   (a) the schools in desperate need should be given the first consideration.

   (b) the schools in which new serious emergencies may arise, should receive help.

   (c) a certain proportion of the funds should be reserved to support a long range program for the financial undergirding of all of our Baptist schools on a permanent basis.

Following a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Education, the following action was taken to meet the recommendation of the College Presidents' Conference:

"Moved that (a) publicity be given to the full list of Baptist schools and colleges which have indicated their willingness to give hearty support in helping the denomination to raise the full emergency fund of $600,000; (b) this committee hereby authorizes that among the institutions to receive some share of the undesignated receipts from the Emergency Fund shall be the following seven institutions; Sioux Falls College; Shurtleff College; Rio Grande College; Alderson-Broaddus College; Central Baptist Theological Seminary; Berkely Baptist Divinity School; Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and that this information shall be available to the Council on Finance and Promotion."

Committees have been named and will shortly be announced, whose function it will be to cooperate with the Council and with other agencies associated with the Northern Baptist Convention. A committee is also empowered to add to this list of seven other institutions whose needs are discovered to be of an emergency character.

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HELP FOR NEEDY MINISTERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board will meet the emergency needs of worthy aged ministers and missionaries, their wives or widows and dependent orphan children of whom many are living in pitiable destitution.

The Board has been able to give only a minimum of assistance to some of these worthy servants and their dependents. The monies received from the Emergency

nd will be used to give extra relief in uations of extreme need. This will be addition to the woefully inadequate p which a regular grant may afford. Here is the case of a minister, 63 years age, now a hopeless invalid, losing his ht and eventually his life through a ain tumor, discovered too late to be re-ved.

There is a minister 65 years of age with ree minor children. He has been ill even weeks and has been confined to the spital nine weeks. He has had a stroke d perhaps never will be able to resume ork again.

A minister, only 36 years of age, with ur children, one with scarlet fever, and s wife having undergone a serious opera-n, is in critical need and has no funds.

There is the widow of a minister who ed at 47 years of age after a long, ex-nsive and painful illness. Money gone, is valiant woman has four minor children r whom she is now responsible.

To bring to these and scores of others equally desperate circumstances a little ore than the deplorable minimum of as-stance the average grant affords—repre-nts the use that will be made of the linisters and Missionaries Benefit Board's are of the money raised in the Emer-ency Fund.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

By J. M. DAWSON

While the several states maintain summer assemblies in plenitude, Ridgecrest, N. C. holds the center of attraction for all Southern Baptists. I have just returned from a two week's sojourn there and have had ample opportunity to judge of the interest. In fact, I have been a frequenter of the place almost from the time of its establishment and have watched with gratification its steady growth. Now, of the numerous gatherings of such sort in the Blue Ridge mountains around Asheville, such as Montreat for the Presbyterians, Junaluska for the Methodists and Lee Hall for the Y. M. C. A. forces, the Baptists have become the largest.

The Assembly runs this summer from June 11 to August 31, and is under the supervision of the Sunday School Board, which manages the property, with the genial Perry Morgan in charge. The many conferences last a week at a time. Secretary Frank Leavell began with the college students, then came the Young Woman's Auxiliary camp, followed by the North Carolina Training Union Assembly, succeeded by the Southwide Summer Sunday School Conference, to which was attached the church architecture conference, with the very large Southwide Baptist Training Union Assembly afterward reaching a high crest.

It was my privilege to open the Editorial Conference with a sermon Sunday Morning, July 27. Editorial Secretary Hight C. Moore presided over this Conference, which had many distinguished speakers, such as Dr. John L. Hill, Dean Olson of the Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University; Dr. Carter Hem Jones, President Sylvester Green, Dr. T. B. Maston, and others. By invitation I lectured on "The Faith of Robert Browning,"also delivered an address before the Music Emphasis Conference, which was held simultaneously, with Music Editor B. B. McKinney presiding, my subject being "The Major Demands in Worship." Assisting Mr. McKinney were I. E. Reynolds, head of the School of Music at Southwestern Seminary, Inman Johnson of the Southern Seminary, and Messrs E. O. Sellers and E. L. Carnett of the Baptist Bible Institute. Closing the two Conferences on Friday night was the rendition of the Oratorio, "The Holy City," by Gaul, directed by I. E. Reynolds who had some seventy-five excellent voices in the chorus. Each day at noon Dr. Ralph Herring, pastor First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, preached to the great edification of the splendid crowds.

Other events scheduled for the summer were: the Home Mission Conference, with Secretary J. B. Lawence in charge, followed by the Foreign Mission Conference under the direction of Secretary C. E. Maddry, in turn to be followed by the Bible and Christian Life Conference arranged by Dr. P. E. Burroughs, the Baptist Brotherhood Conference with Lawson H. Cooke directing, the Christian Education Conference with Dr. C. D. Johnson leading, and concluded by the Preaching Week with Dr. George W. Truett the pastor.

Special mention should be made of the Ridgecrest Camp for Boys, of which J. D. Franks, Jr., has made a fine success.

Other than Ridgecrest conferences, the Southern Baptist event of most concern during the summer has been the offering for the work in military camps, undertaken by the Home Mission Board and the state boards. The amount sought is $300,000 and July 27 was field day for this campaign. It is much too early at this writing to tell just how near success the movement has come. It is expected that collections will be continued in the hope of obtaining the whole sum.

As to Southern Baptist gifts, Executive Secretary Crouch reports the total for the Cooperative Program in July reached $154,386.13 and the total for the year to date is $1,410,821.64, which is some $200,000 ahead of the same period last year.

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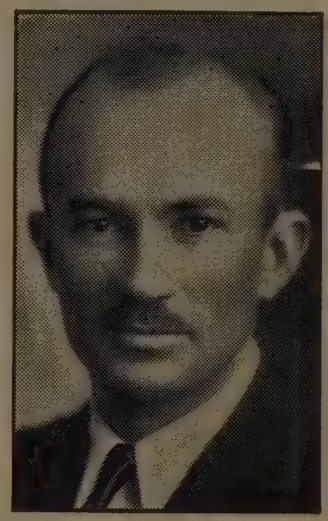
LOWE SUCCEEDS BEHAN AS PRESIDENT OF SIOUX FALLS COLLEGE

Barrett Lowe has been elected president of Sioux Falls College to succeed Dr. W. P. Behan. The title of President-



Emeritus has been conferred upon Dr. W. P. Behan. President Lowe has long been identified in educational work in South Dakota.

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Christian Education

"Christian education takes its place as one of the 'must' activities of Christian people." John W. Raley, Pres. O. B. U. says, "Christian colleges are necessary:

1. For the training of intellectual leadership in spiritual things.
2. For a trained consecrated church membership.
3. For denominational leaders.
4. For Christian workers.
5. For ministers and missionaries."

NEWS DIGEST . . . By William Park

DR. ALFRED CARPENTER, OF ARKANSAS, will direct the religious work of Southern Baptists in the 120 defense training areas of the south, where more than 750,000 men are in training. He served in the Canal Zone for a number of years.

DR. VICTOR MASTERS, EDITOR OF THE *Western Recorder*, has been appointed chairman of the program committee of the 1942 Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in San Antonio.

Speaking of crowds! there were 20,000 at the international camp of the Church of God, held at Anderson, Indiana.

DR. T. J. PARSONS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE INDIANA Baptist Convention, and denominational leader for 25 years, has retired because of age, but will still lead an active life in the Master's business. Rev. J. M. Horton, pastor of the First church, Hammond, Indiana, has been elected to succeed Dr. Parsons.

DR. CARLOS M. DINSMORE, SECRETARY OF CHURCH EDIFICE WORK OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY, has retired from that position because of the age limit. He will make his home in Indiana and will be available for interim and other work.

THE BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS has built and dedicated a beautiful three-story office building to be known as "The Baptist Building." Dr. Truett delivered the address. Besides the general offices, the building will house the Baptist Book Store, the *Baptist Standard*, Robert H. Coleman Co., the Relief and Annuity Board. The building was built as an investment of the Relief and Annuity Board.

THE BAPTISTS OF ARIZONA have been granted time on the Broadcasting Station KPHO, Phoenix, and will be heard each week day, 2:30 to 2:45. The State Convention is given thirty minutes each week to present its work.

DR. HENRY G. SMITH, DENVER, was the summer pastor of the First Baptist church, Long Beach, California, where Rev. Winfield Edson is pastor.

DR. ROY B. DEER has finished five years as executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention. During this time $44,000 has been added to their permanent funds, 37,000 new members have been added to the churches, $9,000,000 given for local church work, and more than $1,300,000 to missions.

THE PRESBYTERIAN *Tribune* announces that Dr. Wm. L. Young, president of Park College, Parkville, Missouri, has become associate editor, succeeding Dr. Roswell P. Barnes, now editor of the Federal Council Bulletin.

THE BAPTIST UNION OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND has subscribed $5,045,000 to promote evangelism and aid needy churches in their countries.

MARIETTA COLLEGE has conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, upon Rev. Harold N. Geistweit, pastor of the Ninth Street Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

DR. G. ARVID HAGSTROM, RETIRING PRESIDENT OF BETHEL INSTITUTE, St. Paul, Minnesota, has announced that Rev. H. C. Wingblade, of Chicago, will be his successor. Dr. Hagstrom was recently elected president of the Board of Managers of the Northern Baptist Foreign Mission Society.

THE CALIFORNIA TEMPERANCE FEDERATION, INC., has been organized with Dr. Ralph Walker, president. The Federation will publish a monthly entitled *The Liberator*.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES has secured Rev. Bradford S. Abernathy, pastor of the First Church, Columbia, Missouri, as secretary of "the commission to study the bases of a just and durable peace." His headquarters will be in New York City.

THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN, in its general conference, held at La Verne, California, voted to join the Federal Council. Within the past few months the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) have both voted to join the Council.

PROFESSOR JOHN BAILLIE OF EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, has returned home after six a weeks' tour of the U. S. during which time he delivered 68 addresses.

RABBI STEPHEN S. WISE, NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, AND NAHUM GOLDMANN, EDITOR OF THE JEWISH ENCYCLOPEDIA, were guests of honor at a $25 per plate banquet held at the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, at the recent session of the American Jewish Congress. The Inter-American Jewish Congress will meet in Montevideo.

DR. EDWIN M. POTEAT OF CLEVELAND, was one of the lecturers at the summer divinity school of the University of Chicago Divinity School and the Chicago Theological Seminary.

DRAKE UNIVERSITY, DES MOINES, IOWA, has elected as its new president, Dr. Henry G. Harmon, president of William Woods College, Fulton, Missouri.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND LABOR is being established in Cleveland. Fifty Cleveland ministers, under the auspices of the Religion and Labor Center, have been visiting the industrial centers and studying conditions

DR. B. D. WEEKS has resigned as president of Bacone College, Bacone, Oklahoma. Dean W. W. Dolan has been appointed to take charge of the administration until a new president is selected.

THE *Watchman-Examiner* reports that the Southern Presbyterians have a special "Vacation Fund" to assist underpaid ministers to enjoy a vacation. Since 1914 hundreds of ministers and missionaries have been helped.

DR. R. S. BEAL, PASTOR OF THE FIRST CHURCH, TUSCON, ARIZONA, is a most aggressive missionary pastor. The church has just dedicated its ninth mission building in a fine section of the city. The First Church conducted five vacation Bible schools this summer with a daily average attendance of over 600.

NEW JERSEY PASSED A LAW providing bus service for parochial schools. Now the Citizen's Public Schools Association has been organized to work for its repeal.

SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIANS have filed suit in the U. S. District Court at Greenboro, North Carolina, to "recover stock in the Vick Chemical Company, valued at $1,600,000, which is claimed was left in the will of the founder for the use and benefits of the Presbyterian Church (Southern).

SINCE THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF REDLANDS UNIVERSITY, CALIFORNIA, WAS ORGANIZED, Dr. Mattison B. Jones has served as its president. He recently resigned and the trustees immediately voted to confer upon him the honorary degree of LL.D. Judge Jesse W. Curtis, of the Supreme Court of California, delivered the citation. Dr. Jones was at one time president of the Northern Baptist Convention.

DURING THE PAST YEAR the Home Mission Board of the Southern Convention appointed 44 new missionaries.

MR. JOHN NUVEEN, OF CHICAGO, has given the American Baptist Publication Society another trailer—Number 5. It will be used by Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Nordstrom in Wyoming.

THE UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH, in its quadrennial conference held at South Bend, Indiana, voted to unite with the World Council of Churches. It also voted in favor of union with the Evangelical Church.

BAPTISTS OF WEST VIRGINIA have been engaged in a campaign to equip their assembly camp. Each association was asked to raise $250 for a cabin to be named after the association.

THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of the Baptist Youth Fellowship will be held at Franklin College, December 27-30.

FOURTEEN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, will conduct a city-wide evangelistic meeting in a tent seating 5,000 during part of September and October. Evangelists Hyman Appleman and Ira Prosser will lead.

Secretary Isaac Higginbotham of Massachusetts is seeking to work out a system whereby churches may exchange pastors as one solution to the difficulties found in Baptist pastoral changes.

In a recent decision the Supreme Court of Massachusetts ruled that birth control was not a religious matter, as was contended by the Roman Catholics.

Southern Baptists have moved all but one of their missionaries from Japan. Part of them have been sent to Colombia, South America, establishing a new mission; others are working in the Hawaiian Islands. The Protestant Episcopal Church has also recalled all its missionaries from Japan.

In the past 25 years the number of Negro schools in the south has grown from 31 to 109, and the student body from 3,132 to 45,876. Last spring 5,064 were graduated.

During the past three years Dr. H. Hankins, pastor of the First Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, has welcomed by baptism 912 new members and by letter 1,287. $154,000 has been given for religious purposes.

Dr. Bela Udvanoki, president of the Baptist Seminary in Budapest, reports that work is going forward in a good way and that at the Seminary the "work has been so much extended and enlarged that they can scarcely keep up with it."

A group of European pacifists have set up a colony in Alto, Paraguay, known as "The Brotherhood." It is patterned after community of disciples as reported in the Acts.

The reason given for ceasing publication of a number of religious papers in Germany is: "War economy calls for the greatest concentration of all forces. This concentration makes it necessary that our periodical among others suspend publication from today until further notice."

The Massachusetts legislature has approved the releasing of school children for one hour per week for religious instruction.

Colby College, Waterville, Maine, has elected Professor Julius Seelye Bixler, of Harvard University, as president to succeed Dr. Franklin W. Johnson in 1942.

It has become necessary at Rutland, Vermont, to pass an ordinance prohibiting "the use of signs or placards which denounce, ridicule or belittle in any way religion or the worship of God."

Announcement has been made that the new Christian Church of Japan will have a department of missions and expects to promote "foreign" missions. During the past 7 years, 70 mission churches of different denominations have been organized in eastern countries by the Japanese Christians.

Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones, pastor of the First Christian Church, Detroit, has been appointed by Governor D. Van Wagoner, to succeed Dr. Paul W. Chase as a member of the Michigan Corrections Commission.

Dr. John F. Herget has resigned as president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, to become effective as soon as his successor has been elected.

NOTICE OF INCREASE IN SUBSCRIPTION RATE

The subscription rate of THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST is now $2 per year in the United States and Mexico, and $3 per year in Canada, and abroad.

555 electric organs have been ordered by the U. S. War Department to be installed in the regional chapels now being built in army camps throughout the country.

When the *Christian Index*, Atlanta, Georgia, publishes the receipts of missionary giving of the Georgia churches it takes ten and one-half large pages, small type, to make the report.

The First Baptist Church of Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, pastor, recently held a very unique service. The church has a room known as "Memory Hall," dedicated to its pastor and former pastors. At this service pictures of former pastors were unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. United States District Attorney, Lawrence Camp, was master of ceremonies.

The First Church, Abilene, Texas, led all southern Baptist churches in additions by baptism last year, having baptized 211. 595 were received by other methods.

The Temple Baptist Church, Chicago, recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of Pastor Joseph Croft Dent's entrance into the ministry. Dr. Chas. W. Koller and Dr. A. M. McDonald were the main speakers. Most of Dr. Dent's work has been in Chicago.

The American Bible Society recently shipped 4,000 English New Testaments to "Stalag VIII B, Germany," a British war prisoners' camp. The Society has shipped to Europe in recent months 3,200 Bibles and 58,000 Bible portions in 7 languages.

The *Baptist Standard*, Texas, is in the Dallas First Baptist Church's budget, and goes into every home of the church. Dr. Truett said: "Only an informed church can be a generous and an active church."

Miss Jesse Dall Crawford has resigned as president of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago.

More than 1,000 registered for the Maine Baptist convention, which met in Bath. It was the largest registration in their history.

In Cincinnati, Ohio, the Walnut Hills Congregational and the Avondale Presbyterian Churches have merged, forming a federated church. In the same city the Elberon Presbyterian and the Westminister Presbyterian churches have merged, sold their property and will erect a new church home.

The attorney general of Ohio has ruled that pupils of the public schools may be released for one hour per week for religious instruction and that a "part of the school building may be used for moral and religious training."

Rev. B. Grey Griffith, leader in the British Baptist Missionary Society, has been elected president of the Baptist Union of London. The Baptist Missionary Society is celebrating its 150th anniversary this year.

Southern Baptists were officially represented at the North American Ecumenical Conference which met in Toronto, Canada.

A camp for Catholic conscientious objectors has been opened at Stoddard, New Hampshire and will be conducted by the Association of Catholic Conscientious Objectors.

The Third Church, St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor, is erecting a $450,000 educational building and expects to dedicate it free of debt this fall. Dr. Johnson was the summer preacher at the First Church, Glendale, California, Dr. J. W. Brougher, Jr., pastor.

Students in Brown University have raised money to pay the tuition of 25 Chinese students at Checkiang University, Kweichow, China.

The American Baptist Publication Society has approved in principle the union of its society with the Board of Education of the Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, its executive secretary, has been elected executive secretary of the Board of Education, and there will be a gradual merging of the two boards.

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Eternal Spring Is in His Heart

Winter is on my head, but eternal spring is in my heart. The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I hear round me the immortal symphonies of the world to come. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and verse; but I feel I have not said one-thousandth part of what is in me. When I have gone down to the grave I shall have ended my days work; but another day will begin next morning. Life closes in the twilight, but opens with the dawn.—*Victor Hugo.*

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The best argument for Christianity is a Christian.—*Henry Drummond.*

Review of the Month

Written especially for "*The Unite*

The War

The Anglo-Russian alliance against Germany is still very much in the forefront of church discussion.

One of the latest developments in this situation was reported this month in a dispatch from London which stated that the Archbishop of York, second ranking Church of England prelate, and a widely known figure among American religious leaders, had defended the alliance with Russia and had expressed the hope that collaboration between Britain and Russia may eventually lead the Soviet to repudiate its official godlessness.

The Archbishop admittted that there is a great deal in the present order in Russia which no Christian can approve, but the goal of Nazism, he said, is flatly un-Christian. The Communist goal of universal fellowship, on the other hand, is, he said, part of the Christian hope, though its method of trying to reach its goal is bound to frustrate its own object.

It will be recalled that the Archbishop of Canterbury, head of the Church of England, took a similar stand shortly after the invasion of Russia. It may well be, said the Archbishop, that Russia's defense of its own land and the new unity which this will bring may lead to a new tolerance of religion by the Soviet government, and a new resurgence of the merits of religion, always deep-seated in the hearts of the Russian people.

But the attitude of Free Church and Roman Catholic leaders towards collaboration with Russia appears to be much more cautious than that of Church of England leaders. A recent editorial in the *British Weekly*, which reflects Free Church opinion, indicated the embarrassment of the noncomformists. The best way to think of British collaboration with Russia, said the *British Weekly*, is not to think of it at all!

Members of the British Roman Catholic hierarchy have remained generally silent regarding Anglo-Russian collaboration, but the Catholic press has been outspoken in warning against any Soviet alliance that goes beyond the limits of strict military cooperation.

Meanwhile, there were indications that Soviet Russia might be soft-pedalling her official atheism for the duration of the war.

This was hinted at in a recent article in L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City paper. The Vatican organ stated that anti-religious propaganda was being "put aside here and there at this time."

Apparently with Russia in mind, it also warned that godless propaganda usually reappears as soon as trouble passes.

In this connection, not long before the German invasion of Russia, the leader of an organization known as the League of the Militant Godless boasted that the Russian anti-religious propaganda machine had just completed one of its best years. At the end of 1940 the League claimed a membership of nearly three and a half million. In 1939 its membership was listed at a little over two million.

Roman Catholics in England are now greatly preoccupied with the possibility of sending missionaries into Russia. The Legion of Mary has been preparing for the past two and a half years to revive the Roman Catholic Church in that country, and the prospects are considered bright in British Catholic circles. It was revealed that units of the Legion of Mary have been formed among Russian emigres attached to the Jesuit Mission of the Slavonic rite established on the Esthonian border. Also, ever since 1927 the Vatican has been training priests and religious workers for service in Russia. At that time the Russiacum College was founded in Rome for the purpose of training workers to strengthen and defend the Catholic faith among the Russian people.

Latin America

An approach to hemisphere solidarity in religious problems was hinted at this month as some 900 delegates of the World's Sunday School Association came together in Mexico City. The delegates met in churches without the opposition of government authorities, and faced political, economic and social problems as a realistic background for a discussion of religious work in Latin America. Reports from Latin American republics highlighted these trends:

Puerto Rico, trying hard to escape the colonial complex, needs religion, as well as refrigerators and radios.

In Bolivia, Chile and Peru there is need for a simple, practical program of religious education for the "unlearned and overworked."

In Brazil, where the Roman Catholic Church is coming closer to the lives of the people, the duty of Protestants is to dignify labor.

In Guatemala, there is the largest Sunday School enrollment among Latin-American republics.

That the Christian Church can do much to improve and maintain better relationships between the United States and Latin America, is the opinion of Luis L. Duplan, Mexican Consul for the Houston, Texas, district.

"By its very nature, the church is better fitted to work for international goodwill and mutual understanding," Senor Duplan told newsmen this month. "For, while the church is teaching its sectarian work, it can also preach the gospel of goodwill and the brotherhood of man."

As a practical aid leading to the betterment of such relations, he believes that the church should foster and encourage joint meetings among the Latin and other groups. "Any kind of meeting in which the association of races takes place will be sure to bring about religious tolerance and good fellowship," Senor Duplan said.

C. O. Problems

All has been fairly quiet along the religious peace front for some weeks. Few religious conventions—national and local—were held during July and—outside of the Summer Study conferences—fewer still were held in August. Therefore, until religious groups resume their normal activity in September it is not possible to gauge accurately the present extent of pacifist or interventionist feeling in the churches, although the belief is that interventionist feeling has made some headway.

But this month religious pacifists figured in three developments.

At Lancaster, Pennsylvania, a conference was held between Brigadier-General Lewis B. Hershey, Deputy Director of Selective Service, Paul Comly French, Executive Secretary of the National Board of Religious Objectors, state officials and leaders of the Amish and Mennonite pacifist sects of Pennsylvania.

The meeting took place at the farmhouse of Bishop David Z. Fisher of the Old Order Amish Church to discuss the religious and agricultural aspects of the "plain sects" as they relate to draft problems.

The sects are opposed to physical violence in any form. Their religion also requires them to be farmers. So far, at least fourteen members of the sects have refused to report for duty even after they were classed as C.O.'s and assigned to special work camps. Sect leaders proposed that the objectors, instead of being sent to civilian work camps, be placed on farms at the same wages paid selectees—$21.00 a month.

At the conclusion of the conference, Gen. Hershey said he had received a good picture of the conditions and problems

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which both the draft boards and the farmers face. Although he would not divulge the results of the conference, he said: "There are very few problems that don't vanish when men sit down and talk with one another." Gen. Hershey, by the way, has a Mennonite background himself.

A week after the conference, Gen. Hershey recommended that twelve of the Amish and Mennonite C.O.'s be relieved from civilian work camp orders and be permitted to remain at home because of the agricultural nature of their employment.

The Board of Appeals at Harrisburg, however, rejected Hershey's recommendation and new orders were issued commanding the Amishmen to report for camp duty.

An appeal to President Roosevelt is the one remaining opportunity left to Gen. Hershey if he decides to contest the Board of Appeal's decision.

On the Pacific Coast, the regional secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, Mr. G. Raymond Booth, told the annual convention of Christian Churches of Southern California that the conscientious objector to war seeks hazardous places of constructive service.

Booth said that his organization receives as many as 400 applications a day from objectors volunteering to do dangerous work in war-ridden countries. The Quakers, he added, recently sent one man to do air-raid reclamation work in London, and another to drive an ambulance on the Burma Road, but there are not enough such openings to utilize the nearly 2,000 C.O.'s now in Civilian Service Camps. While the men cannot conscientiously take human life, they all want the job of saving life under great danger, said Mr. Booth.

Another development involving pacifists occurred in England. A dispatch to Religious News Service from London said that pacifists were overwhelmingly outvoted at the English Methodist Conference when a statement on the war upholding "this sacred cause until its complete victory has been achieved by a righteous and lasting peace," was adopted by 136 votes to 16.

Europe's Prison Camps

A report of conditions in European prison camps was delivered this month by two well-known religious leaders—Dr. W. O. Lewis, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and Tracy Strong, general secretary of the World's Committee of the Y.M.C.A.

Both reported that there are some three million Europeans now in prison camps, and that the welfare of these prisoners is one of the main concerns of religious groups abroad.

Dr. Lewis said that the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches, from its office in Geneva, is sending out to the various camps Bibles furnished by the American Bible Society. Service books have been prepared in German and English for use in public worship. The Baptist leader pointed out that the goodwill that still exists in the world has done something to assuage the misery of these prisoners.

Mr. Strong, who has just spent four months visiting camps in Germany, Switzerland, France, and Great Britain, said that the morale of the prisoners is generally high, due in some part to the program of providing religious, recreational, and educational facilities wherever possible. Prison conditions, he said, are better than they were in World War days.

Religious Revival

A rising tide of spiritual movements all over the country was reported this month by Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, Director of the Harvard Summer School Conference on Religion in Relation to Current Problems. Dr. Mather said the Harvard conference was one of many movements spontaneously rising in all parts of the country. He added that religion may prove even a more potent force in science or technology if men of goodwill are intelligently mobilized for protective action.

Other conference speakers highlighted the role that religion can play in today's world. Dr. J. X. Bixler of Colby College said that religion should accept the world crisis as imposing a responsibility for leadership toward world unity.

The call to religion for leadership emphasizes the growing recognition by both clergymen and laymen of the leadership role which the church forces can assume.

The army, for example, is conscious of the important part which religion can play in achieving high morale. Brig. Gen. James B. Crawford exemplified the belief of army officials and chaplains when he said this month at ground-breaking exercises for seven regimental chapels at Camp Davis in North Carolina:

"Soldiers can be issued the finest equipment and trained until they are letter-perfect in the use of that equipment, but even then an army cannot succeed unless it has high morale. Religion is the foundation of morale."

Religious groups are becoming increasingly conscious of their leadership responsibility. Last month the annual convention of the Central Conference of American Rabbis called upon religious groups to take the leadership in formulating principles of post-war reconstruction and peace. The Conference said that despite the spread of war throughout the world it is the duty of religious groups not only to point out the need for thought regarding post-war reconstruction but also something of the specific trend which it must take.

Lutheran Unity

In an effort to emphasize the need of Lutheran unity and to improve relationships among the major Lutheran bodies of this country, the American Lutheran Conference will launch, this fall, a series of special intersynodical conferences in six sections of the United States.

The conferences, to be attended by representatives of the United Lutheran Church, the Missouri Synod, and the American Lutheran Conference, will feature two general themes—The Church and Modern Society and the Lutheran Pastor in American Life. Discussion of the former will center around the church and its relation to labor, economics, and the international crisis.

The conferences will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, and Minneapolis, Minnesota, on October 14 and 15; Omaha, Nebraska, and Rockford, Illinois, on October 16 and 17; and Fargo, North Dakota, and Toledo, Ohio, on October 21 and 22.

Nondefense Expenditure

Dr. William L. Stidger, professor at the Boston University School of Theology, was appointed head of a subcommittee of church leaders this month which will participate in a nation-wide drive to curtail nondefense federal expenditures.

The appointment was announced in Providence, Rhode Island, by President Henry M. Wriston of Brown University, chairman of the Citizens Emergency Committee on Nondefense Expenditures, which is organizing the economy campaign. Dr. Stidger's subcommittee will be known as the Advisory Committee of 1,000 on Governmental Expenditures.

Asserting that a moral issue was involved in "unbridled governmental extravagances," Dr. Stidger, in a statement following his appointment to lead the par-

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There Is No Other Side

By PAUL H. CONRAD

ONE day a priest and Levite each in turn saw a pitifully wounded man lying by the side of the Jericho Road. To escape the inconvenience of doing something about it, each one simply stepped to the other side of the road and passed by.

Today such an easy escape would be impossible, for they would find yet another suffering one on the other side. To the right of them, to the left of them, in front of and behind them, wherever they might turn, they would see pleading eyes burning with the unnatural brightness of physical and mental torture.

The Jericho Road of today symbolically encircles the globe. All of us are compelled to travel it. There are no pleasant side avenues of escape, no detours to complacent oblivion. Whatever our position in life, we have found ourselves irresistibly moving into the common experiences of world disaster. This modern highway is so crowded with pitiable and suffering humanity that there is no other side to which to turn in avoidance of them. We must face their need as directly and effectively as did the good Samaritan in the single case that confronted him.

Who are these distressed ones that are so persistently crowding in upon our consciences? They are the 50,000,000 Chinese people who have lost their homes. They are the more than 3,000,000 prisoners of war whose bodies, minds and spirits need constructive activity. They are the thousands of Christian workers stranded in all parts of the world, the Christian refugees by the tens of thousands, and the hundreds of thousands of starving children in Europe and Asia.

Military Camps

In addition to these, we Baptists have been compelled to recognize other areas of emergency need that cannot be classified as relief. We face the hosts of youth who are now in training in military camps and realize that moral perils call for a spiritual armament not issued by the quartermaster. We see the distraught faces of the leaders of Baptist schools and colleges imploring us to save them from blackout. We see the bent forms of aged comrades of the Cross who face the slow death of poverty and starvation unless we enable our Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board to lift them to a decent level of existence. Inescapable, too, are the grave problems of our missionaries, hitherto unknown, but now acute difficulties resulting directly from the devastating outreaches of war. These are but few of the many who throng the Jericho Road of today. From the responsibility for their relief and aid there is no turning.

Examples

Our phlegmatic response is probably not due to indifference or lack of Christlike compassion. The numbers of needy ones are so tremendous that they defy the comprehension of the average mind. It is just too big to understand. Therefore, let us look at it for a moment from a different angle. Consider the number of men in prison camps—over 3,000,000. A large number, we all agree,—yet how large? It means that for every individual member in every Northern Baptist Church in the United States there are two men suffering the deteriorating menaces of these prison camps.

Take another example. Few of us can really comprehend the size of that host of 50,000,000 Chinese who have lost their homes and must find work and rehabilitation. It would take any one of us more than three days and nights to count rapidly up to even one million. But compare it with familiar Baptist figures. Counting all divisions of Baptists in all the countries of the world, there are over 12,000,000. Therefore, for every single Baptist the world over, there are four of these pitiably destitute Chinese.

Leaving the realm of statistics, is there anyone of us who will deny the importance of getting medical supplies to those who are performing emergency surgery upon innocent civilian victims of bombing attacks? Yet how acutely do we personally feel such a need? Only if we have undergone a major operation without anaesthesia, can we sympathetically understand the plight of our medical missionaries and their patients when we fail to supply them with these essential drugs.

The Good Samaritan

The good Samaritan proved his full understanding of the emergency need of his beneficiary when he ultimately opened his purse and provided for his complete care. These are times when the substantial witness of our gifts of money will become the most effective evidence of our compassion. This does not mean that our prayers, our sympathy, our other gifts of bandages, clothing, and the like are not needed. It does mean that our money will reach the farthest in this crisis and serve the largest scope of human needs.

The World Emergency Fund of Northern Baptists is our channel for extending the hand of mercy to the world's suffering ones and to those whose worthy needs are now acute. Your undesignated contributions will enable your denomination to distribute them on an equitable basis to all the causes that have been approved for our specific Baptist help. If you prefer to designate to one or more objects within the fund, it can be done and your designation will be strictly honored.

Let us in true Christlike compassion act at once upon that impulse and send a sacrificial gift through the local church and state convention to the World Emergency Fund, 152 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. It will make the difficult journey along life's crowded highway a bit easier for yourself, as well as for those who are lifted by your helping hand.

Parable of Foolishness

C. F. BANNING

Now it came to pass that the prophet went unto a far city to prophesy. There was much people and all was in readiness. Then said the man whose duty it was to preside over the meeting, "Wait" and there was naught we could do but wait. Then did he rush out into the audience and persuade a man to come and sit on the platform that we might start. The man came and then there was music and gladness. The prophet then counted those who sat upon the platform and behold there were thirteen and the one man whom the leader persuaded to come and sit on the platform. And behold it was a place of learning and the leader was a teacher; aye, was he not a very wise man? Had he not invited the prophet to prophesy?

Nowhere is it written in the Book that God's care is withheld from thirteen. Nowhere hath the prophet read that the Master forsook any man who has passed under a ladder. He promised to be with men always even when they started on a journey on Friday. Aye, did not the Master say, "According to your faith be it unto you." The prophet remembereth nothing about foolish superstition in the words of the Son of Man.

The prophet mused within himself. Behold how great a power faith is. Likewise how often fear robbeth man of faith's victory. Likewise how foolish a wise man can sometime be.

Baptists Gather in Mexico City

W. O. LEWIS

THE World's Sunday School Convention was to have met in South Africa, but war conditions made that impossible. It was held in Mexico City July 16-20 this year. About 500 delegates came from outside the country and 500 from Mexico. Although over twenty countries were represented, there was no one from Europe. Considering the war and the restrictions Mexico had recently placed on many forms of religious activity this was a remarkable showing.

The program of the Convention left half a day free to permit delegates from different denominations to get together. The Baptists took advantage of this and held on July 16 in the Baptist church of Mexico City a meeting which will long be remembered by those who attended. It is not likely that the Baptists of Mexico have ever seen as many Baptists from outside their country as on this occasion.

For several days before the Sunday School Convention began there was held under the leadership of Dr. C. S. Detweiler of the American Baptist Home Mission Society in the Baptist church of Mexico City, a workers' institute attended by Baptist leaders from Puerto Rico, Eastern Cuba, Mexico, and Central America. During the day various problems connected with the work in these countries were discussed. Every night an evangelistic service was held which was well attended. But a larger and more representative meeting was held on Saturday afternoon of the Convention week.

As many of the members of the local church as could leave their work on a weekday were present. Mexican Baptist leaders from outside Mexico City were all there. The missionaries from the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions working in Mexico came. And in addition to the Baptist delegates at the Sunday School Convention, some Baptist tourists traveling in Mexico at the time attended. In true American style light refreshments were served.

Among the Baptist delegates attending the Sunday School Convention may be mentioned Dorothy A. Stevens, Pearl Rosser, and Mrs. Luther Wesley Smith. Mrs. Mabel O. Holdridge came from the Daily Vacation Bible School office in New York. Her sister Maud L. Olmsted was also present. Mrs. Frank C. Nichols, Emma Gushevsky, and Grace R. Johnson represented Washington, D. C. Dr. W. H. Jernagin and Eustace Gay spoke for the National Baptist Convention of the U. S. A.

Baptists from the United States and Latin-America, attending the World Sunday School Convention, were given a reception by the Baptist Church of Mexico City, July 19, 1941.

It was a pleasure to meet the brethren from Latin America. As most of them spoke English, those who could not speak Spanish learned much about conditions in countries which are not Anglo-Saxon. And we had Dr. Detweiler, who knows Spanish about as well as English to help us. Among the Latin Americans present were A. Gonzalez of Cuba and Arturo Parajon of Nicaragua. Coming from a greater distance were Dr. Chester S. Miao of China and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hobbs of Burma. And last but by no means least should be mentioned John Ritchie, a Scotsman who has labored many years in South America and is now serving as agent of the American Bible Society in Lima, Peru. He has been instrumental in starting a number of churches whose faith and practice are much like that of the Baptists. He seemed to feel at home among Baptists. Ritchie was sure there were few Baptists in the world that could claim to have reached greater heights than the churches with which he worked (many of them are over 15,000 feet above sea level).

In the various meetings of the Sunday School Convention Baptists had an honorable place. Professor William A. Shimer of Bucknell presided over one of the general sessions. Brethren from Latin America took an active part in some of the sectional conferences. Dr. Detweiler and Dr. Miao not only had a share in the work of the Sunday School Convention proper, but spent much time before and after the Convention studying problems connected with the production and circulation of religious literature in Latin America.

It was a joy to the writer to visit the Baptist Hospital in Puebla and to meet Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Meadows and Dr. and Mrs. C. D. Dawson. And it was good to see the school in Puebla under the leadership of Rena Button and Mabel Young well filled in spite of the fact that tuition had been raised a short time before. Dr. Ota Gertrude Walters and Marjorie Hall stopped over in Puebla on their way back to Oaxaca. These and other Baptist workers met with the Methodist workers in the Puebla district in the home of Dr. Meadows for an evening of pleasant fellowship. Returning from Mexico by way of El Paso, Texas gave an opportunity to renew acquaintance with an old college mate, J. E. Davis, who is the manager of a large publishing house putting out much religious literature in the Spanish language. It was also a pleasure to meet Frank W. Patterson and J. H. Benson, who are connected with the Mexican work as well as Dr. I. L. Yearby and R. S. Holloman, who are doing fine work as pastors in El Paso.

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Someone in Missouri suggests the slogan: "While others unify, let Baptists multiply."

IN THE SANCTUARY

A MONTHLY FEATURE

By Daniel Heitmeyer

Daniel Heitmeyer, who is pastor of the First Baptist church at Loveland, Colorado, will have a column called "IN THE SANCTUARY" in the UNITED STATES BAPTIST each month, beginning in this issue. His writings have appeared in numerous periodicals, and he is becoming widely known as a poet. His book of poems, "Before Morning" has been highly rated by reviewers in many parts of the country, and in radio broadcasts. He is a member of Colorado Authors' League and the North Dakota Poetry Society. He has held important pastorates in the west, including Tabernacle Church in Milwaukee, and Fargo, North Dakota, and has been officially connected with denominational work in a number of states.

MORNING CALL

Blow for the morning now, Trumpeter, blow;
Call from the darkness the splendor of fire;
Out of our yesterday's failure and woe
Cleave a white path for the feet of Desire.

Far in the misty dim mountains the Day
Gropes up the crags with his tentative beams—
Blow the loud waking call, now make the way
Strait for fulfillment of ages old dreams.

Call for the judgment now, Trumpeter, call
Morning advances now, also the night.
Blow till Death's blood-crusted battlements fall,
Blow a glad hail for the crowning of Light.

"My Father worketh hitherto, and I work also," said Jesus. Our morning prayer must be charged with new purposes. The faith that puts life into the morning prayer is faith that accepts life as a task to be done. "Laborare est orare." Praying is doing something as well as asking for something.

This is the glory of work—that whether I be preaching the gospel, or planting seed for a harvest to feed the hungry, or painting a picture, or building a wall, or digging a ditch to channel water to a dry thirsty land, so it be useful work, I am a co-worker with God.

We have been taught to think that the living Christ is near in the hour when sorrow weighs upon the soul, and when temptation comes, and when friends have forsaken us. No doubt that is true. But he is present also, our fellow-worker, when we are doing our daily duties. True, Adam was given a life sentence at hard labor for having sinned: "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground." But it also is true that work is the healthy functioning of life, and the best antidote to despair is the necessity for work.

It is a sad commentary on our understanding of Christianity that when we go to church on Sunday morning and join more or less in songs and prayers of worship we distinguish that from all else that we do by calling it "divine service." Certainly, it is a good thing to attend worship in church. But the noblest form of service is work that is useful to our fellow men, done with the consciousness that in doing it we are co-workers with God. In Revelation we read, when the Apostle had seen the glorified Christ,—"And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellow-servant." Perhaps the "communion of saints" is a communion of work. "Toting" your end of the load may be a form of communion.

The source of purest happiness is creative work. The great master artists and builders wrought in a kind of ecstasy. The privations, even hunger and cold they sometimes endured, were small price to pay for the joy they had in their work. Occasionally one sees a farmer who seems to have that same creative joy making music in his heart as he goes to his labor in the fields in the morning. Too many workers seem to have the convict's attitude toward work. They seem to think they have been sentenced to it, and are always trying to get their sentence reduced. Even preachers would be the better for recovering the sense of joy in their work. Only as we come back again to the realization that in doing useful work we are co-workers with God will there be real happiness in industry once more. Then

There shall be neither master nor servant,
But servants and masters all;
They shall work with the Infinite Worker,
And rejoice in the morning call.

A LETTER TO THE CHRISTIAN CENTURY WHICH WAS NOT PUBLISHED

Editor's Note:

Immediately after reading the account in *The Christian Century* of the Northern Baptist Convention, the following letter was written to the editor of that publication by Dr. D. R. Sharpe, executive secretary of the Cleveland Baptist Association. The letter was not printed. Dr. Sharpe sent it to THE UNITED STATES BAPTIST. It is such a clear statement of the matter that we are glad to pass it on to our readers.

June 12, 1941

The Editor
The Christian Century
440 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Editor:

Your special correspondent H.E.F. (presumably Harold E. Fey) was in my judgment neither accurate nor fair in his appraisal of the Wichita Convention of Northern Baptists. He writes, "discarding, *after warm debate,* the resolution on international relations which had been prepared by a so-called Pacifistic resolutions committee, the Convention voted on Saturday morning a "Peace" resolution championed by Daniel A. Poling and supported by Judge Millington and the editor already mentioned." This statement is not true. There was no "discarding after warm debate." What happened was that a number of delegates felt the resolution on International relations as prepared by the Resolutions Committee (which by the way was not a "so-called pacifistic committee" but a representative one duly appointed by the Northern Baptist Convention in accordance with its by-laws) was poorly framed and accordingly rewrote the resolution and gave it to Dr. Poling to submit. This he did before there was *ANY* debate on the orginal resolution. In fact the Resolutions Committee accepted the Poling substitute as the original. The original resolution never was debated warmly or otherwise, nor was the substitute supported by any editor as your scribe states.

Again the report states that no financial aid was provided for conscientious objectors. This is incorrect. Provision *was made* for aid to conscientious objectors.

H. E. F. states that "the second great tension was between Conservatives and Liberals. Many Baptists are still fiddling with fundamentalism and antifundamentalism while Rome burns." This is a misrepresentation and in my judgment a mischievous report and unworthy of your splendid paper and unjust to a great denomination. In twenty years there has not been such oneness of spirit in the Northern Baptist Convention. There was no "fiddling by fundamentalists or antifundamentalists or by the Convention as a whole. On the contrary the tragic circumstances of the hour, the unmistakable call to the Christian church in the light of contemporary events, fused the varying elements to the point of real spiritual unity. This was the rich and meaningful *overtone* which your correspondent missed. One cannot help but feel that what he expected to find was not there, but he wrote about it all the same. Baptists everywhere are rejoicing in the grand spirit of Christian fellowship and the new spirit of unity and

otion which came to the surface at hita.

our correspondent is puzzled over this y in the midst of diversity and wants to w what "mysterious cement" holds Bap- together anyway. Does he not know Baptists are bound together by the New tament—their only creed—and by Jesus ist their only Lord and Master? Both e recognize unity in diversity. Does he understand that the distinguishing mark Northern Baptists is not uniformity of ological belief but unity of missionary ls and objectives? Does he not know t Baptists practice a democratic form of rch government in which all from the t to the greatest have a right before God think and speak his own convictions? at this very freedom when exercised in the it of Christ and disciplined by Social in- its makes for real unity in the midst of ersity? Baptists do not have uniformity beginnings but rather unity in goals. The at thinker, Edmund Locke, wrote many rs ago, that the principle of absolute soul rty given to the world by Baptists justi- their existence if they never did anything re. We add that it is this principle that tes us and it is *this* principle which will imately unite the world.

One wonders why H.E.F. went out of his y to record the off-stage remark of a Bap- editor and failed to report the prophetic l inspired key note address of Gordon teat, or the statesmanlike and searching ssage of Edwin Dahlberg or the deeply nest and timely message of G. Pitt Beers o mention only three of many truly signi- ant Christian statements. So, *Christian ntury,* I, too, am puzzled. Why such a port?

D. R. Sharpe
Executive Secretary, Cleveland Baptist Association

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Ministers are taking an increasingly portant part in the civic and industrial e of Michigan under Gov. Murray D. an Wagoner's policy of appointing mem- rs of the clergy to positions as mem- rs of special commissions to mediate bor strife in the state.

The governor's latest appointment to ch a commission was that of the Rev. enry W. Fisher, pastor of the First resbyterian Church of Saginaw. The nth minister to be thus appointed, Mr. isher was named to a commission to ediate a strike at the plant of the ickes Boiler Co., in Saginaw, called by e Steel Workers Organizing Committee -C.I.O.

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A "modified confessional" for the vangelical and Reformed Church was rged by a prominent layman, Sumner . Hosterman, attorney, in an address at e 51st annual Spiritual Conference of e denomination at Lancaster, Pa.

The lawyer declared that if he were a inister he would regularly conduct a prayful clinic," where the juvenile, the oung people, and their parents, could be nburdened of their troubles, "alone."

Here and There in Rural America

By MARK RICH

Clark's Grove, Minnesota

Clark's Grove, Minnesota, is a small town with 180 inhabitants. There is nothing unusual about that, for there are many small towns in America. It does have a good cooperative store which distinguishes it from many other towns. It is more widely known for the Baptist Church, which claims to be the largest rural church in the Northern Baptist Convention.

On a recent fine Sunday morning we drove to Clark's Grove and readily found the large brick church, set on generous grounds, and the parsonage located adjacent. At ten o'clock the first bell rang, and soon cars began arriving for the service at ten-thirty. Excepting for a few front seats the church was filled with a congregation numbering 250. At Sunday School the attendance was 231 and the board gave 243 for the previous week. The congregation is usually somewhat larger than this.

Here are some facts about the church. About sixty per cent of the members are of Danish ancestry. The church is related to both the Danish Baptist Conference and the Northern Baptist Convention, contributing to both. All but three or four families in the congregation are farmers. There is no other church within a radius of seven miles. Some members regularly drive sixteen and eighteen miles to church. Dr. Fogdall had these members rise so we could see them. The membership is 550 and there are baptisms almost every month. Last year contributions for missions totalled $3,850.15 and for current expenses $3,373.40.

The able and enthusiastic pastor is Dr. S. P. Fogdall who came to the pastorate of this church from many years of teaching at Des Moines University and Ottawa University. His Doctor of Philosophy degree apparently qualifies him for excellent leadership. The people love him. Perhaps that is because he holds them in such high regard. Next to his people he seems to admire most his garden and trees.

Church Membership in Wisconsin

Here are some interesting facts giving the percentage of the total church population in several church groups in Wisconsin.

The Roman Catholic church leads with forty-five per cent of the total church population The Lutherans follow a close second with thirty-three per cent. The Methodists follow far behind with five per cent, while the Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians each have two per cent. The Baptists come next with one and one-half per cent.

These figures are more than ten years old but represent the conditions today. The Catholics are strengthening their position by naming a rural leader in each diocese. "The Christian Farmer" is the name of their state publication.

Baptists at Madison

The Leadership School for Town and Country Ministers at Madison, Wisconsin, this year celebrated its twentieth anniversary. Baptists were well represented at the two-week school. Those present were colporteurs, E. C. Barton of Nebraska, Rev. E. L. Crane of Colorado, Rev. C. H. Davis of Montana, Rev. J. E. Dollar of Kansas. Rev. Ole Olson of South Dakota, Rev. W. E. Parks of Utah and Rev. F. B. Sorley of Minnesota.

The Wisconsin pastors who attended were Rev. C. C. Rittenhouse, Bangor; Rev. C. A. Jones, Richland Center; Rev. C. W. Bloedow, Evansville; and C. R. McBride, Honey Creek.

Among the Indians

We are in Oklahoma attending the Assembly and Association of the Western Oklahoma Indians. The Post Oak Mennonite Mission is host to the fourteen Baptist churches. Indians have come with tents and arbors and are camping all around the grounds. By Saturday of Association several hundred Indians are encamped.

The big tent is set up near the church. Nightly meetings are held. It will be crowded when the Association comes to a climax Sunday morning and Sunday evening.

Last Sunday I attended an interpreted service for the old Indians who cannot understand English. The service was mostly given over to testimony, exhortation, and prayer. Interpretation was from English to Comanche and from English to Arapahoe by sign language. Sometimes the interpretation was from Comanche and Arapahoe to English to let the white man know what was being said. These old Indians have a firm faith to which they like to give testimony.

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Greatness is achieved by courage to do a multiplicity of small things right.—*Gloria Young.*

For and About Women . . . by Mabelle Rae LeGrand

Practicing Prayer ---

THE meeting was called to order and the Devotional Service was announced. An attractive, tastefully gowned woman made her way to the front of the room, opened a Bible, read a few verses, turned to a booklet and read a few comments. Then bowing her head with a suggestion to the audience she turned a page and proceeded to read a prayer. It was beautifully worded, full of uplifting thoughts, and she read it well—but something was lacking.

Another day, a dear little white-haired lady took her place before the audience for Devotions, opened a well-worn Bible and read with deep understanding the passage, selected with care, relating to the subject of the day, and then closing the Book she closed her eyes and began to talk with God. Something happened to the group before her. They realized this was no new experience for her.

This does not only happen in Women's Meetings. Too often the preacher in the pulpit says, "Let us Pray," and with an apparent air of prayer he proceeds to read the words of another man, who has with care set down his petitions to God. It is well worded and probably well read but the listening audience missed the heart-to-heart talk with God about the common interest of that church and the events and concerns of that community.

In contrast to this, recently I found my way into a Methodist Church and my Baptist heritage did not in any way prevent me from complete participation in that particular service. When it came time for the "pastoral prayer" the minister moved to the side of the pulpit and in full view of the audience knelt and proceeded to have communion with his Father in behalf of his people. This was a bit extreme but it was his way, and no one doubted his acquaintance with the One to whom he talked.

These illustrations are not unusual and may be recognized by many readers as personal experiences. What is the reason for the use of the written prayer? Surely there is only one answer for those not accustomed to regular ritual detail such as Baptists. The reason in most cases is that we have not practiced prayer until we can lose our self-consciousness when talking to God. Is it not possible for our Theological Seminaries to send out our young ministers with a power in prayer that shall be convincing in the minds and hearts of the listeners? Could our churches not begin to put a new emphasis on prayer so that men and women alike may find it easy to pray? Let us practice prayer in all our Christian relationships.

A few suggestions may prove helpful to some who are eager to be able to pray aloud. One great difficulty is fear of one's own voice. Try reading aloud until you can do it without being self-conscious. Then begin by praying the Lord's Prayer —Be sure to pray it and not "say" it or "recite" it.

In these days of world problems suppose you go to the "Dime" store and buy a small globe for your own personal period of prayer. Once a week during these awful days of wars and more wars, with all their attendant evils, try, as a beginning, laying your hands, both hands on the globe to symbolize your relationship to the world and to keep you in remembrance. While you are thinking about Our Father's World repeat slowly aloud and with real understanding "For God so loved the world—that he gave His only begotten Son—that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish—but have everlasting life." (John 3:16). Then follow that with the Lord's Prayer just as slowly and just as understandingly. Pray it day after day aloud and make its thoughts your own.

Hands on the globe remind us of the beautiful picture of the New York secretary in the office of the World Wide Guild that is being sent out in the packets this year. With this picture are numerous bits of literature calling attention to the theme of "Hands Around the World." The emphasis, on hands, is very timley and could well be used by older groups. Have you ever thought of the importance of *Your Hands?* What a sad sight to see anyone who has lost one hand or whose hands are not whole! We ought to remember to be thankful, often—just for our own hands. What a splendid theme for practicing prayer! Sit quietly for five minutes looking at your own hands lying quietly in your lap. Think of the service they have given in His Name and the many things they could and ought to do. Then repeat slowly aloud Ps. 90:17, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;—and establish thou the work of our hands upon us;—yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." Surely one could find a few words to pray aloud that our own hands may be faithful and loving and helpful wherever we find need.

Once upon a time one friend said to another, "You are so talented and your prayers are so beautiful. Not all of us are so gifted." The second friend smiled and wondered if it takes talent to pray. She had never thought of it that way but through many years of joys and sorrows she had practiced prayer night and morning so that she felt at ease in the presence of God. Practice does make perfect, even in prayer!

NEWS

The Iowa Woman's House Party was a great success with one hundred and seventy-five women registered. The laughing voices at bedtime made everyone sure that everyone else was having a grand fellowship with new and old friends. They did honor to Miss Nina Bowers, a much-beloved Iowa girl, who is to sail in August for missionary service in the Bengal-Orissa field. Miss Marjorie Hall of Miahuatlan, Mexico, thrilled her hearers with her experiences as a missionary to a land quite oriental and at the same time quite European. Mrs. Abram LeGrand presented the Home and Foreign Mission Study Books. The most unique part of the program was the division of the group into four sections and each produced a ten-minute program which was helpful and much enjoyed. Mrs. J. H. Gamble of Ames was the clever and able dean, Mrs. Sam Shumate of Davenport, President.

The Iowa Guild House Party followed immediately after the Woman's House Party. Ninety-six girls had a fine two days with information, inspiration, and fun. Miss Marjorie Hall and Mrs. Abram LeGrand remained for this second party. Mrs. Paul Morf of Fredericksburg was dean.

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Mrs. L. E. Swain was guest speaker at the Wisconsin State Convention and reported a fine Minnesota House Party, from which she had just come.

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Lest We Forget

The tumult and the shouting dies—
The captains and the kings depart—
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,
An humble and a contrite heart.
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget—lest we forget!

—*Kipling.*

D.D.'s For Ministers

WILLIAM A. ELLIOTT

DO DIG DEEP IF YOU WOULD RISE HIGH. It may seem a contradiction of terms to speak of "digging" to rise, but that conditions flight in the realm of the intellect. When we see men of the sky-rocket type rise to dizzy heights, we ought to remember that the heights are dizzy and dizziness causes many a fall.

We see them rise and we grow envious of their fame, but the fall is not always so noticeable. When a sky-rocket burns out no one cares to follow its descent.

The depth to which one digs determines pretty much the altitude to which one may rise—and keep it. It is one thing to reach the heights it is another thing to remain on the peaks.

To maintain high efficiency in one's preaching, and to maintain the level through the years, is no small task. If one is not constantly building in, laying up rich store, as the years pass, it is surprising how quickly the "ministerial deadline" overtakes one. This deadline is not determined by the number of years one has lived, but the fullness or emptiness of one's resource.

The marginal time of the average minister, used in the accumulation of knowledge, would greatly enlarge his mental store. What wealth of material is at the disposal of the minister today, material that would enrich his preaching beyond all calculation—but it must be gathered and utilized. There is no "ministerial filling station" to which a minister may go and get instantaneous service.

DON'T RUN WHEN THE DEVIL TELLS YOU TO GO. It was Dr. F. B. Meyers who counselled the pastor: "If God calls you to a church, don't run everytime the devil tells you to go." It is good advice and if heeded would save a deal of travel on the part of many ministers.

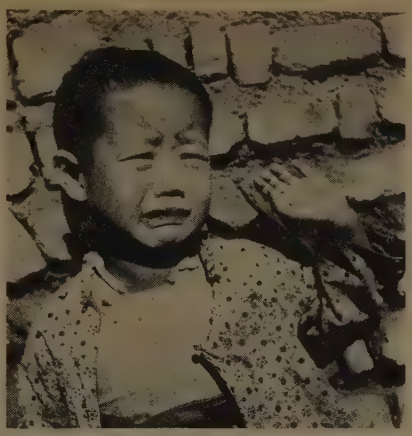
Some ministers seem very sure of a call, but take fright every time they see a cloud arise on the horizon of the church.

I have contended that the relation of a pastor and his church is that of marriage. Each have pledged to the other fidelity and devotion. Such relations are not to be easily or readily broken. The pastor has no more right to desert the church than a husband to walk out on his wife and family with every little flurry that may sweep the family circle.

It is a silly, as well as a dumb thing to do, to ever be threatening the church with one's resignation, when some trouble arises. The tragedy is that sometimes the "bluff" is called, and another impulsive preacher is cast adrift.

It is good advice to wait a week before any action is taken, after some eruption has occurred in the church life. It is surprising how things straighten out, when the temper of the preacher cools down.

"Hold your breath and count ten," it may mean the difference between a continuous pastorate and a collapsed one.



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When the Sirens Wail

Little Chi Li begins to cry whenever the air-raid alarm is sounded . . . which is often in battered but valiant Chungking. Both of his parents were killed in an air raid, and his young mind is haunted by terrifying memories.

Only Christian love and sympathy can heal the many souls embittered by ruthless warfare. Only the generosity of Christian people can make survival possible for its helpless victims like orphaned Chi Li.

Join with your fellow Baptists in a great offering that will demonstrate the reality of our Christian faith. Give now . . . for human need cannot wait. Give as much as you can . . . for there are thousands who look to us for help.

The World Emergency Fund of Northern Baptists is our answer to the cry of stricken humanity.

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Were You?

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.—Psalm 122:1.

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DR. W. P. BEHAN has resigned as president of Sioux Falls College, South Dakota, and Dr. Barrett Lowe has been elected president. Beginning in September Sioux Falls will open as a Junior College.

Book Month . . . . . By Alfred L. Murray

United States Baptist Book Club

September Selection

The Psychology of Preaching and Pastoral Work. By Thomas Hywel Hughes. Macmillan Company. 266 pp. $2.25

DOCTOR HUGHES' teaching experience, his pulpit ministry, his wide acquaintance with all types of individuals, and his profound knowledge of psychology make him exceptionally well qualified to write this book. He is the author of studies in philosophy and psychology, is Emeritus Principal of the Scottish Congregational College, Edinburgh, at one time Lecturer in the Post-Graduate School of Theology, Edinburgh University, and Examiner in the Divinity Faculty of the University of London.

In this volume, he is concerned, primarily, with the pulpit and pastoral duties of the pastor, and, therefore, does not present an exhaustive treatment of psychoanalytic and therapeutic methods, nor does he consider, at length, the bearing of modern psychology upon religious thought. Believing that preaching "is the primary element in the minister's vocation" and that therapeutic methods should be left to specialists, he directs his attention to explaining how psychology can help the minister understand the needs of his congregation, and minister to these needs by preaching and pastoral calling.

In the introductory chapter, the basic principles of the new psychology are emphasized. Such terms as, "Repression, Unconscious, Instincts, Emotions, Sentiments, Sublimation, Rationalization, Suggestion and Auto-suggestion, Transference, Regression," are briefly defined and evaluated.

Part 1, discusses Psychology of Preaching, giving attention to a study of the congregation, and to the preparation and delivery of sermons to meet the needs of individuals comprising the congregation.

Part 2, The Psychology of Pastoral Work, offers invaluable suggestions for pastoral visitation, the handling of "special cases," and the minister's work with young people.

Part 3, is a treatment of some "General Considerations" of the minister's duties as priest, administrator, executive; with a concluding chapter on "The Minister Himself."

This is not another volume on psychology, but is a scientific study of the function and ministry of the clergyman. It is a book aimed to give the pastor new insight into his work, and to enable him to be more efficient a minister of Jesus Christ. It is exceedingly well written, and is unusually suggestive and practical. It is based on sound thinking and not changing theories.

ALTERNATE BOOK CLUB SELECTION

Jesus As They Remembered Him. By Chester W. Quimby. Abingdon-Cokesbury. 220 pp. $1.50.

This is a carefully prepared, admirably written, and scholarly presentation of the life and ministry of the Man of Galilee. The author does not ignore the records in attempting to present Jesus to this modern age, yet he succeeds in making the Master near and dear unto all who would know Him better. Jesus is introduced by "others" as they remembered Him.

Familiarity with the Holy Land, gained through travel, and by study at the American School of Oriental Research, in Jerusalem, furnishes vividness and important information to the narrative.

In twelve gripping and telling chapters the environment, heritage, experience, mind, unpopularity, perfection, Gospel, achievements, etc., of Jesus are discussed. The book is easy to read, but it contains much material that suggests sermons, provokes thought, and stimulates meditation. Ministers will find the book a source of sermonic material, Bible students and Church School leaders will discover many practical suggestions and helps, and every reader will prize the volume for its unique presentation, its scriptural insight, and refreshing approach. This is one of the fine devotional and study books that young people will read and re-read.

BOOK REVIEWS

A Pastor Looks at Kierkegaard. By William T. Riviere. Zondervan. 231 pp. $1.50.

Though a tragic-comic figure to his contemporaries, Soren Kierkegaard, the Danish theologian of the 19th Century, has become a tremendous influence upon Continental theology of the present day, especially that represented by Karl Barth. The book should appeal to all readers interested in great personalities, whether their interest is theological, psychological, or biographical. The writer's informal style, and his refusal to take either himself or his readers too seriously, make the book delightful reading. Direct quotations from Kierkegaard are scattered liberally throughout the pages; these, with their interpretative comments, sketch well the man and his thoughts. The chapter titled, Man's Tragic Distress Today, shows the striking similarity of our own spiritual problems and those faced by this unhappy Dane a century ago. American religious leaders should be familiar with the work of this theologian, and this volume offers an admirable introduction to his works.

The Good Shepherd. By Gunnar Gunnarsson. Bobbs-Merrill. 84 pp. $1.50.

The story centers about an old man who out of the kindness of his heart goes out in the storms to discover, and bring to safety the sheep which owners have neglected to find when they bring their flocks in to winter quarters. Sheep, that would freeze to death, are safely and securely protected from beasts and storms. It is a gripping, dramatic, and captivating narrative about life in Iceland, written by a native son.

Jud Goes Camping. By Bernard S. Mason. A. S. Barnes. 85 pp. $2.00

Eleven year old Jud, Andy his pal, and Jud's father go camping. The father, who is an expert camper, teaches the boys to do the many things associated with camp life, and instructs them in the habits and ways of wild game. The story is presented in dialogue form, is interesting reading, and contains information which is of especial interest to boys, of Jud's age, who are fond of out-door life. It is a helpful book to give to a Boy Scout.

Kept By The Power of God. By J. W. Phillips. Broadman Press. 148 pp. $1.00

This posthumus publication contains twelve of the able sermons of the late John W. Phillips, who for more than twenty years was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mobile, Albama.

Born of The Spirit. By T. E. P. Woods. Eerdman. 56 pp. 50 cents.

Two true stories about Nicodemus of the first Christian century, and Nicodemus of the twentieth century.

Questions Jesus Answered. By Wm. W. Ayers. Zondervan. 140 pp. $1.00.

An unique discussion of ten pertinent questions which were asked Jesus, and His answers to them.

The Living Christ In The Life Of Today. First Baptist Radio Hour. Broadman. 128 pp. $1.00.

Sermons on Christ in human experiences by prominent Southern Baptist ministers.

Gems From Genesis. By W. G. Heslop. Zondervan. 132 pp. $1.00.

Outline studies in the book of Genesis, rather sketchy and incomplete.

Sight Sermons. By Elmer L. Wilder. Box 14, Imperial, California. 160 pp. $1.00.

Illustrated object lessons presenting scriptural doctrine.

Prophetic Questions. By Keith L. Brooks. Zondervan. 164 pp. $1.00.

The editor of Prophecy Monthly answers sixty-one pertinent scriptural questions submitted to him. Exceptionally well done.

The Coming King. By Harry Rimmer. Eerdman. 90 pp. 50 cents.

A study of Biblical record to determine what it says relative to the second coming of Christ.

No Salvation Without Substitution. By J. E. Conant. Eerdman. 171 pp. $1.00.

A scriptural, conservative, comprehensive, and concrete study of the doctrine of the atonement.

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DR. J. C. CARLILE DIES

A dispatch from England August 15 brought news of the death of Dr. J. C. Carlile, editor of *The Baptist Times* of London. Dr. Carlile studied in Spurgeon's College when Spurgeon was in his prime. He wrote one of the best biographies of Spurgeon. He was pastor in Folkestone forty years. Many American soldiers stationed at Folkestone during the last war remember with gratitude his interest in them. Articles from him which have appeared in America in recent months have told not only of the sufferings of British Baptists but of their courage and hopeful spirit. We shall miss him on this side.

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SEPTEMBER CLUB SELECTION

The Club selection for September is, THE PSYCHOLOGY OF PREACHING AND PASTORAL WORK, Macmillan Company, by Thomas Hywel Hughes. Price $2.25. The alternate is JUST AS THEY REMEMBERED HIM, Abingdon-Cokesbury, by Chester W. Quimby. Price $1.50.

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ATKINSON JOINS HOME MISSION BOARD STAFF

The Board of Managers of The American Baptist Home Mission Society has called Rev. C. Harry Atkinson to become the Secretary of the Department of Edifice Funds and Building Counsel succeeding Dr. C. M. Dinsmore. Mr. Atkinson will begin his work September 1, but Dr. Dinsmore will continue with us for a short time to assist him in making his contacts with the field and becoming familiar with the work. Mr. Atkinson was born in New Brunswick but is now an American citizen. He is the son of a Baptist minister. He is married and has four children, the oldest a sophomore in college, the youngest five years old. He took his A.B. at Acadia University in 1922 and his B.D. at the Andover-Newton Theological School in 1926. He had five years' experience with the Royal Bank of Canada in British Columbia and in the World War rose to the rank of Acting-Adjutant. His pastorates have been Livermore Falls, Maine 1924-28, First Church, Medford, Massachusetts 1928-38, and Brunswick Street Church, Fredericton, New Brunswick since 1938.

A Page from a Country Preacher's Diary

By R. LOFTON HUDSON, Portland, Tennessee

I WAS so far behind on my pastoral work this morning that I decided to dispense with my morning's study and do some visiting.

First I went by the house of one of our girls, Lizzie Hurt, to inquire about her. The doctor was there yesterday I had heard, and I thought she was about ready to get out again. Lizzie's grandmother met me at the door and told me that she had some kind of "coccic" sore throat (she meant strepto-coccic) and that her knee and ankle joints are swelling. The doctor thought that she was developing inflamatory rheumatism. I did not go into the house but sent her my "best wishes" by her grandmother.

Then I went by Frank Fielding's house to see if I could get an opportunity to talk to him again. I talked to Frank before on March 2, and went into a great number of his personal problems with him. Yesterday the local officers had three warrants for him for writing cold checks. They let me see them and they were written before March 2. They agreed that he must be doing better now for he has not looked "tight" for several weeks. Also they agreed not to throw him in jail if he would promise to get up the money for the checks and "cost"—the checks are respectively 40 cents, 52 cents, and a dollar twenty-five; and the "cost" is three dollars on each. Frank was not at home but his wife told me that he was cleaning the old house over by the railroad and that he would be wiring James Lee's house this afternoon. I found him where she had said and talked with him for about fifteen minutes. I asked him when he had had his last drink, how often he was drinking, and why he broke the appointment with me last week; and he was very frank about the circumstances under which he had taken them. I explained to him again that he would never quit until he gets himself so built up mentally and spiritually that he does not feel the need of a mental crutch. I told him that when he recently vowed he would "never touch drink again" that I felt sure that he would, that it will take time and effort to completely overcome it. He told me that coming to church seemed to make him feel better, and that my sermon last Sunday on "Fear" helped him to understand his own problems. I believe Frank is really saved and by prayer and friendship he will soon quit drinking. He needs reeducation on honesty, too, and has agreed to meet me for another interview tomorrow night at seven. I think that I shall give him an intelligence test (probably a personality inventory test later)—his family has decided that he is subnormal mentally, but I am quite sure that he is not.

About 9:30 I went up town to see the "radio-man" about the loud speaker system he is building for out-of-door preaching and tent meetings.

John Beal

After several minutes with him I went to the old hotel building to see John Beal, a young man who has tuberculosis. For an hour and a half I talked with John. His family has practically deserted him. The Blufords who run the corner restaurant are feeding him and keeping his room clean. He is beginning to suffer a great deal and fears that the county doctor who is waiting on him does not know what his trouble is. I reassured him about the doctor's efficiency and suggested that he talk quite frankly with him about his trouble. John said he had read some in the Bible which I sent him but was too weak to read much. I tried to lead him to Christ but he knew so little about religion that he refused to settle it today. I prayed for him and left. I stopped at the grocery store and ordered some fruit to be sent up to him this afternoon.

After lunch I had a conference with Dr. Walker about old man Wall. He came to me several weeks ago seeking a conference with me. I put him off for a while because he is considered such a nuisance and I was busy. Then last week I had a long talk with him. He said he could not sleep at night, that he would wake up about two o'clock and pray and worry the rest of the night. Also he confessed a secret sin to me which he had exaggerated all out of proportion to its gravity. He feels that people are against him and that he is too sick to work. Self-pity has about destroyed his peace of mind. I sent him to the doctor, after talking to the doctor about him, thinking that he probably had high blood pressure, since he complained of dizzy spells also. Dr. Walker said that he could find little wrong with him and that it was mostly psychological. Poor old fellow! I guess it is up to me to show him a little understanding since the welfare worker who handles his old-age pension and the public generally consider him just hopelessly "cracked."

With the Scout Master

Later in the afternoon I went with the Scout Master to watch two of the boys pass their mile-run tests. The boys have some real stuff in them.

While I was waiting for dinner I dug up the flower bed.

After dinner I received a call from Fountain Head, a village three miles from here. Mr. Mullins had died and they wanted me to conduct the funeral tomorrow at two o'clock. I told the messenger that I would drive down in a few minutes.

Until 7:30 I read Holman's *The Religion of a Healthy Mind.* It is strange to me that so many preachers are afraid of psychology. We of all people should use every means available to help people.

The two Mullins boys have lived in the North and they call all preachers "doctor." It amused the deacon who went with me, so he "doctored" me too, while we were there. We offered our sympathy and arranged the details of a brief funeral for the next day. They seemed very grateful. The older of the boys cried when we left and said that he wouldn't have known what to do next if we had not come down, that this was the first funeral that he could remember in his family.

Monday is usually a day of relaxation for preachers, but today has been an enjoyable day even though strenuous, because people in need are so grateful when you help them.

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Southern Baptists are planning what they term a "spiritual blitzkrieg against sin rampant near army camps," it was announced this month by the Home Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Richmond, Va.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Virginia Board of Home Missions, said, "It would be a tragedy to save our country at the loss of the souls of our boys. We are hoping to have a great wave of evangelism throughout the camps equal to that in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States, when over 150,000 soldiers were converted."

A fund of $300,000 now being raised will be used to provide equipment, workers and churches in strategic locations near army camps in an effort to "keep the morals of the soldiers from being the first war casualties."

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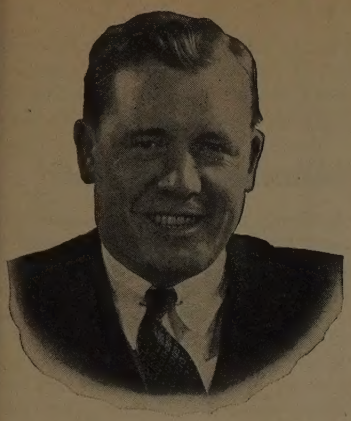
The United States Chamber of Commerce appointed a special committee this month to encourage religious and moral training. The committee will aid in formulating a creed built around a belief in God and America as a basis for moral, citizenship and economic training.



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BAPTISTS IN WESTERN VIRGINIA CELEBRATE CENTURY OF COOPERATION

R. EDWARD DOWDY

Zion's Hill, Botetourt County, Virginia, July 22—More than a thousand messengers and guests from sixty-six Baptist churches gathered at this small country church to celebrate the organization of the Valley Association on August 7, 1841. "Much of western Virginia is yet new country and thinly settled," wrote an observer when thirty-eight messengers from seventeen Baptist churches lying west of the Blue Ridge Mountains came together to form this association "with a view of advancing truth within its own bounds and the State and . . . in every part of the world."

"In 1841 Baptists were looked upon as an ignorant, feeble and obscure people throughout all this great section of the State," but in a century they have increased in number from 1,077 to 23,341. Contributions reported at the first meeting of the association totaled $61.50, while at this centennial meeting they reached a new high of $401,035.20.

Dr. Garnett Ryland of the University of Richmond spoke on "One Hundred Years of Virginia Baptist History." Other speakers included: State Senator Leonard G. Muse who recounted the work of the laymen in the association while Miss Blanche S. White spoke of the contribution made by the women across the years. Dr. George Heaton, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lynchburg, made the keynote address on "Today's Challenge to the Church." Dr. Walter P. Binns, of the First Baptist Church, Roanoke, preached the annual sermon.

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CALDWELL, NEW SECRETARY FOR WASHINGTON

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Washington Baptist Convention held July 15, 1941, Dr. Herschel L. Caldwell was elected unanimously as the executive secretary of the Convention. Dr. Caldwell is well prepared by training and experience for this important task. He is a graduate of William Jewell College and the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School. His first pastorate was in Idaho where he served a small rural church. While a student at Berkeley he held the position of university pastor. On graduation from Berekeley he became pastor of the Baptist Church of Roseburg, Oregon. From there he went to Calvary Church, Pasadena, where he remained for ten years. He comes to his new position from Grace Church, Spokane, where he has been for nearly six years. A host of friends in Washington and throughout the west will be delighted to learn of Dr. Caldwell's appointment to this important task.

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DEATHS

THE ANGEL OF DEATH has recently called and many of our faithful have answered. Among them are: Dr. Joseph Taylor, for many years a great missionary in China. . . . Dr. Minot Simons, for 18 years pastor of All Souls' Unitarian Church, Manhattan, New York. . . . Sir James George Fraser, 87, London, author of "The Golden Bough," and within a few hours his faithful wife followed him in death. . . . Dr. J. A. Packer, formerly editor of the *Australian Baptist* and vice president of the Baptist World Alliance. . . .

ALSO DR. J. W. JENT, SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA, author of many books on rural work and professor in Oklahoma Baptist University for 26 years. . . . Dr. Robert T. Marsh, author of "Love's Superlatives" and for many years pastor in Virginia. . . . Dr. E. Chesney, 99, Adrian, Michigan, who served churches in Michigan for nearly sixty years. . . . Dr. Archibald Fleming, one of the great preachers of Scotland. . . . Rev. Samuel W. Griffiths, who served the Welsh Presbyterian Church, Cleveland, for 36 years. . . . Mrs. E. Stuart Moore (Evelyn Underhill), 66, Kettering, England, author of "Mysticism," "The Mystic Way," and "The Western Road." . . .

AND MRS. O. V. ROBINSON, TECUMSEH, MICHIGAN, wife of the pastor of the First Church, Tecumseh. . . . Rev. L. J. Harris, 79, Hutchinson, Kansas. . . . Rev. David W. Lovett, Brookline, Massachusetts, pastor of the Bernardston Baptist Church. . . . Rev. Milton G. Buck, Trenton, New Jersey. . . . Mrs. Emma Hall Chase, wife of Rev. W. P. Chase. Lafayette, New Jersey. . . . Rev. Francis G. Merrill, 82, Frenchtown, New Jersey, a brother of Dr. William P. Merrill, minister of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York. . . . Rev. George Lockett, 57, Palmyra, New York. . . . Rev. Richard L. Stratton, 77, Lafayette, Indiana, a minister for nearly 50 years. . . .

ALSO MRS. EDNA SWIFT WILSON, wife of Dr. Robert I. Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri. . . . Sir Hugh Walpole, London, England, author of "Fortitude" and other books. . . . Rev. Raymond M. Rigdon, Jeffersonville, Georgia . . . and Rev. Charles E. Owen, 88, Waterville, Maine.

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Reporting the "largest year in our entire history," relative to Bible placements, the Gideons International adjourned its 42nd annual convention at Grand Rapids, Mich., early this month.

Since March 11, it was stated, more than 210,000 Testaments have been distributed to members of the nation's armed forces. Nearly 141,000 Bibles have been given out.

REVIEW OF THE MONTH

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ticipation of church leaders in the drive, added:

"It leads downhill, eventually at top speed, to inflation, and inflation means the breakdown of all moral standards and values. In Germany, a long period of inflation was the seed-bed which sprouted the anti-Christ Hitler."

Dr. Stidger's statement, which was prepared in the form of a sermon on "Public Finance and Christian Morals," will be sent to more than 10,000 clergymen throughout the nation, appealing for their participation in the subcommittee's work.

Calling upon the nation's clergy to recognize that "Christian morals rule public finance," Dr. Stidger continued:

"I think all the people of the church have become a bit uneasy about the lavish spending of our government. Instinctively, we feel that there is a moral issue involved in this matter. The government has a responsibility to us as citizens and taxpayers for the wise use of our money.

"Emergency spending cannot be avoided, but certainly every expenditure which is not directly connected with the national emergency should be curbed to the limit."

School and Taxes

A question that assumed increasing importance during the past month is whether parochial schools—like public schools—should receive financial support from public tax monies.

Last month legal minds in two states answered the question with an emphatic "No!" The Missouri Supreme Court barred the use of public tax money to support parochial schools and the Assistant Attorney General of Kentucky declared that the constitution of his state expressly forbids the expenditure of public school funds to maintain private or parochial schools.

A few weeks later, in Birmingham, Alabama, Bishop Thomas J. Toolen of the diocese of Mobile took issue with those decisions. In a statement to educators and churchmen, Bishop Toolen urged them to seek amendment of state constitutions in order to remove restrictions against support of sectarian schools out of tax funds. According to the Bishop, the whole case for not giving state aid to Catholic schools breaks down when the majority of leading educators freely admit that education fails if it does not also train for character. These same educators, said Bishop Toolen, are unanimously in agreement that Catholic education is noted for character training.

It isn't fair, said the bishop's statement, to force over twenty million citizens to maintain a separate system of schools just because the state insists that its official schools must be non-sectarian.

Conservative Trend

Evidence of a changing emphasis in liberal Protestant theological thought in America was manifest during the three-weeks Ministers' Conference which recently closed at Union Theological Seminary in New York. The conference was attended by more than 300 clergymen of the major Protestant denominations from all parts of the United States. Two rabbis and a Mormon were also present.

Notable among the trends revealed in the lectures and discussions was a shift towards a growing theological conservatism, although not in the direction of traditional fundamentalism, with greater emphasis on and acceptance of the Bible as the inspired source of religious truth.

The theological pattern of the conference was set by Professors Reinhold H. Niebuhr of Union and Walter M. Horton of Oberlin College, both of whom were leaders of the liberal or modernist movement a decade ago, but who have modified their views more recently.

A call for a revival of prophetic preaching was sounded in lectures by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick of New York, President Henry Sloane Coffin of Union Seminary, Dr. Albert E. Day, Pasadena, Cal., and Prof. Halford E. Luccock of Yale. All of them however, urged modern ministers to preach eternal realities applicable to the present crisis but to avoid "editorializing" in the pulpit to promote personal political viewpoints.

In Brief

The Little Rock, Ark., Ministerial Alliance has requested President Roosevelt to designate a day of prayer for the nation and also ask all business houses to close for one hour during the day on which the prayer is given.

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Plans for extension of foreign mission work and of Christian education in America were made at the annual convention of the National Free Will Baptist Association at Drumright, Okla.

Five missionaries were added, all to be sent to India. After the convention the first of a series of 35 two-week Bible institutes that will blanket the United States was started at Monett, Mo.

The consenus of the meeting was to "defend our country" but to attempt to remain out of the war.